

The County of Centre

PROCLAMATION

NUMBER 22 OF 2020

WHEREAS, local data show that reports of child maltreatment have decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic, at least in part due to the decreased contact that many children have had with mandated reporters during this time and;

WHEREAS, statistics show that one in ten children are sexually abused before their 18th birthday and;

WHEREAS, 90% of abused children are abused by someone that they and their caregivers know and trust and;

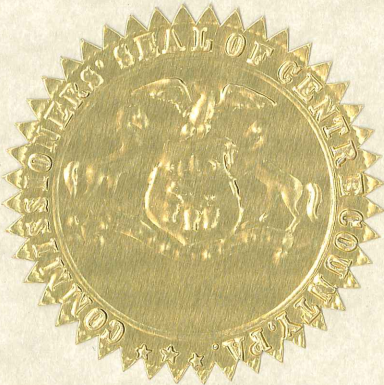
WHEREAS, eliminating or reducing isolated, one-on-one situations and screening those who care for children in youth serving settings decreases the risk of child sexual abuse and;

WHEREAS, learning to recognize and react responsibly to signs, disclosures, and suspicions of sexual abuse can protect children from further harm and;

WHEREAS, training adults in evidence-informed prevention programs such as Stewards of Children® has been proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Centre County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim **October** as “**Centre County Protects Kids Month**,” and encourages adult citizens to learn more about their role in protecting children from child abuse.

ADOPTED this 6th day of October 2020.



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